



**TRCC**  
*Stop rape now.*  
**MWAR**

**AGM**

2015-2016

**Toronto Rape**

*Eradicating violence.*

**Crisis Centre/**

*Building communities.*

**Multicultural Women**

*Stop rape now.*

**Against ~~Rape~~**



Our amazing staff



# Our amazing board members







# CORE VALUES

### VISION

Grassroots, Women identify collective working towards a violence-free world by providing anti-oppressive, feminist peer support to survivors.

### MISSION

We celebrate freedom of choice, sexual freedom and healthy communities and human interactions.



### PHILOSOPHY

We operate on principles of mutual respect and anti-oppression. We believe survivors are experts in their own healing.

# When We Inspire Others

We believe survivors are experts in their own healing. Together we work toward creating a thriving community, empowering survivors of all races, classes, ages, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities and spiritualities.





# When We Work Together

We are powerful, We are resilient, We are all in this fight together, because We want a world that care for us, We want a place that feel safe, We want to continue building a better community so one day; We can say proudly and loud that sexual violence is finally eradicated from our lives.

# OUR TEAM

## COLLECTIVE BOARD

Chair: Chelsea Morka

Treasurer: Mary Ho

Secretary: Andrea Rigdley

Directors: Sukie Ma

Faelix Kayn

Yadesha Satheaswara

Dee

## STAFF COLLECTIVE

Claude Boulanger  
Karlene Moore  
Grissel Orellana  
Cynamin Maxwell  
Deb Singh  
Maria Olaya  
Dionne Newton  
Jess LePage  
Natacha Salinas

## OUR TEAM

## BOOKKEEPER

Kathryn Slade

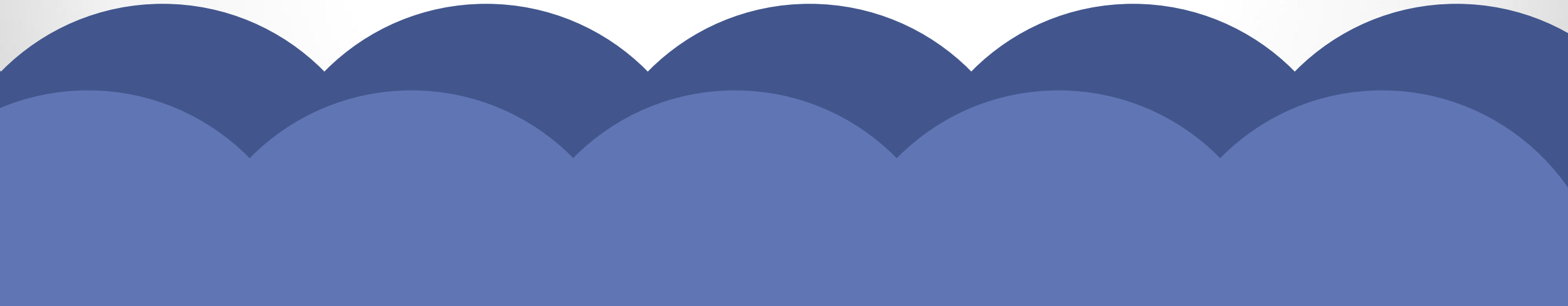
## AUDITOR

Sloan Group



# Collective message

To our entire community, thank you for all your love and commitment to continue supporting all survivors. In this past year we have moved to a new home on the west side of Toronto. We want to thank everyone for your unconditional, love, support, time, commitment and passion for been part of the centre. Your contribution is invaluable to the work that TRCC/MWAR does everyday to support survivors. Muchas gracias por su apoyo.



# OUR VOLUNTEERS



Crisis Line, Face to Face, Front Desk and community members that have and continue volunteer at the Centre by giving their time and passion to the movement of ending sexual violence from our communities.

In the last 42 years we have trained close to 4,000 people that tirelessly keep supporting survivors through out the many programs that we offer and more important their commitment to keep working to end sexual violence against women and children.

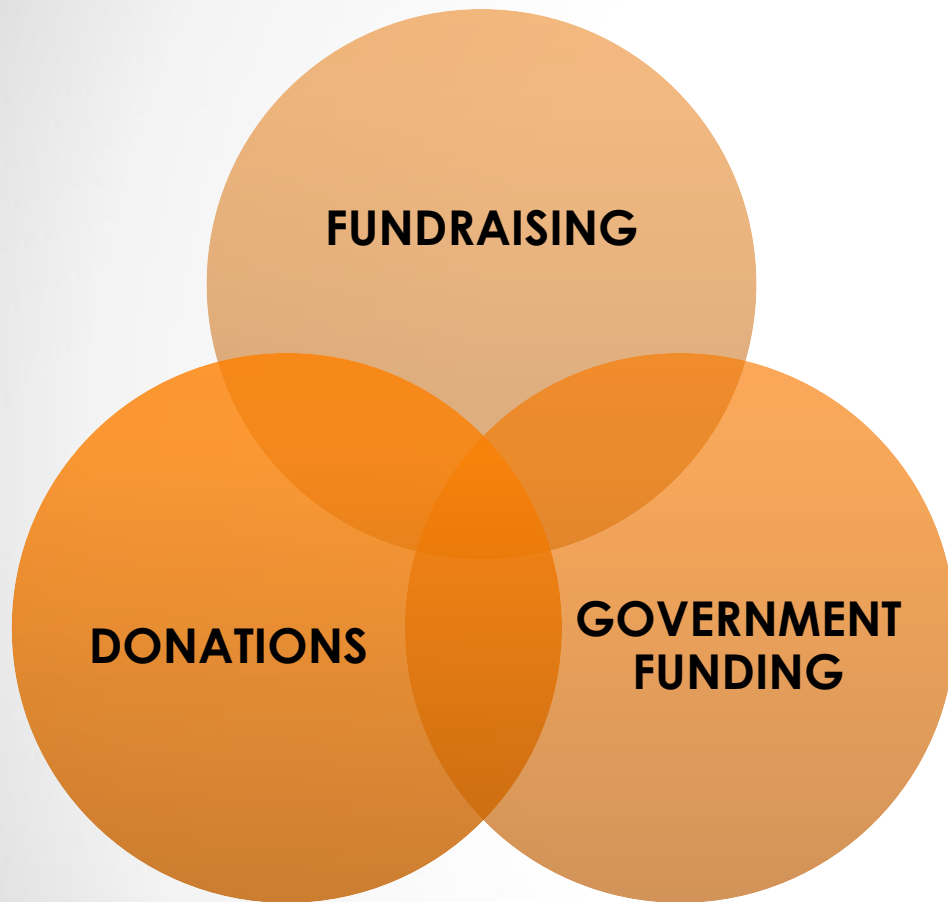




A **HUGE THANKS** to all the  
amazing volunteers for an  
outstanding year of supporting  
survivors!



# FINANCES



TRCC/MWAR continue to received a lot of support from community and funders to continue offering all the programs without any cost for survivors.

In our efforts to maintain our financial stability the Centre has found a new home. This important moved has giving the Centre the opportunity to save on rent freeing up monies to be allocated to programs for survivors.



- In our annual big event **Bowlathon** the Centre made \$ 31, 658
- In donations we have received \$ 48,489
- Every year the Centre is growing in obtaining more grants, we are very happy to announce the **CSI Community Safety Investment** from City was granted to LAWP to work with the Latinx Community to implement **SEAL Support Education Action Latina**, doing support groups.
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- \* Part of the Sexual Action Violence Plan we received more financial support.

Independent Auditor's report, Sloan Partners: "In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all materials respects, the financial position of Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape, as at March 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations."

# FROM THE BOARD COLLECTIVE

This has been a big year. A lot has happened both at the Centre and out in the world - from moving to community mobilizing, seeing incidents of sexualized and racialized violence and the beautiful, inspiring resistance against that violence.. new and ongoing conversations and programs, and all of the every day challenges, connections and support we've offered each other.

We are so grateful to each and every one of you - for being here, for taking the time and holding space to be involved with the Centre in whatever way you participate, for your commitment to resisting the personal, institutional and systemic violence that impacts all of us. We're honored to do this work with you.



# FROM THE BOARD COLLECTIVE

## **Looking ahead - 2016-2017 and beyond..**

-Over the next year, we'll be going through a strategic planning process that we hope will bring together our communities to continue building a supportive space for survivors, and working in solidarity to resist intersectional violence. We'll be holding a variety of community consultations, speaking with Centre members and supporters to find out what we're doing well, how we can better support our communities and where we can learn and improve our work.

-We are moving forward on the important work of making the Centre a more inclusive for survivors of all genders, reaching out to more actively support non-binary and trans\* survivors. We'll be looking at our internal policies, our outreach materials and resources, and developing supports specifically for non-binary and trans\* survivors.

-We know there is tremendous energy amongst Centre members, and we're working on building more ways to get involved, expanding volunteer roles and opportunities and bringing Centre members together to build relationships with each other.





# FUNDRAISING

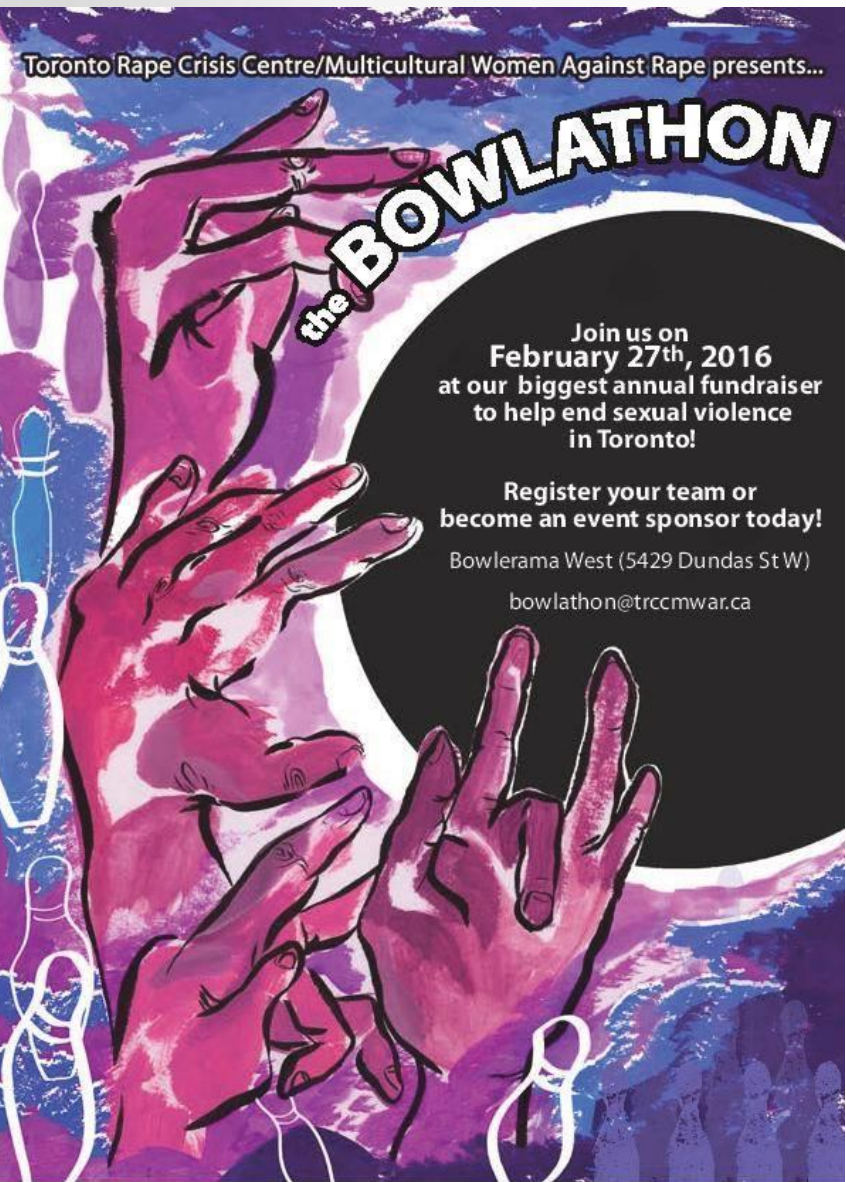


Another successful event where we gather sponsors, donors, team captains and the amazing community members that every year come to share and to raised funds for survivors.

**We thanks each and anyone that  
takes the time to participate!  
Gracias por tu apoyo incondicional!**







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## SNAPSHOT OF THE CENTRE'S WORK

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**We have a new  
beautiful and  
amazing home!!**

We continue working very  
close on the MMP Migrant  
Mothers Project

Hosted two volunteers  
trainings and recruited  
approximately 70 new crisis  
line vollies

We presented a Deputation at  
Queens Park in front of the  
SV&H Committee. Part of *"It is  
Never Ok: an Action Plan to  
Stop Sexual Violence and  
Harassment"*

Hosted another Take Back the  
Night in collaboration with  
Black Lives Matter Toronto and  
in partnership for the past  
decade with Anne Johnston  
Health Station

We held workshops on sexual  
violence, survivorship, prevention  
and education on how to eradicate  
sexual violence from our  
communities. We went to High  
schools, universities, shelters,  
community organizations and for  
profit organizations

In collaboration with MUJER  
we make our visible present  
at Dyke March

Participated in the  
committee of the December  
6 the "National Day of  
Remembrance and Action  
from Violence Against  
Women"

Street actions supporting  
survivors to bring awareness  
that sexual violence or by all  
means any type of violence  
have to GO!

***"Hey, Hey, Ho,  
ho, rape has got  
to go"***

Worked actively to engage high  
schools, guidance counsellors  
and teachers to facilitate  
workshops and empowering  
them to speak out against  
violence

Attended and participated in  
meetings and trainings with  
the Ontario Coalition of  
Rape Crisis Centre

# Actions of the year Court actions

We participate in actions to support survivors on the Courts, it was a heart breaking time. Once again the hard and sad reality of our legal system not supporting survivors despite our efforts the women that had reported on the big media case of the Gian Gimeshi, again left them hopeless on the final ruling. We as survivors know the impact of going through the system but we proudly took our signs and protest on the bitter cold of winter.





# PROJECTS



# RAINBOW GRANT EVENT

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SUNDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2015  
A HEALING DAY FOR  
QUEER SURVIVORS



Enjoy a FREE day of  
Yoga, Mask Making, Nutrition and Healthy Eating, Mindfulness and  
Acupuncture.

Celebrating 2 Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans  
and Queer Survivors



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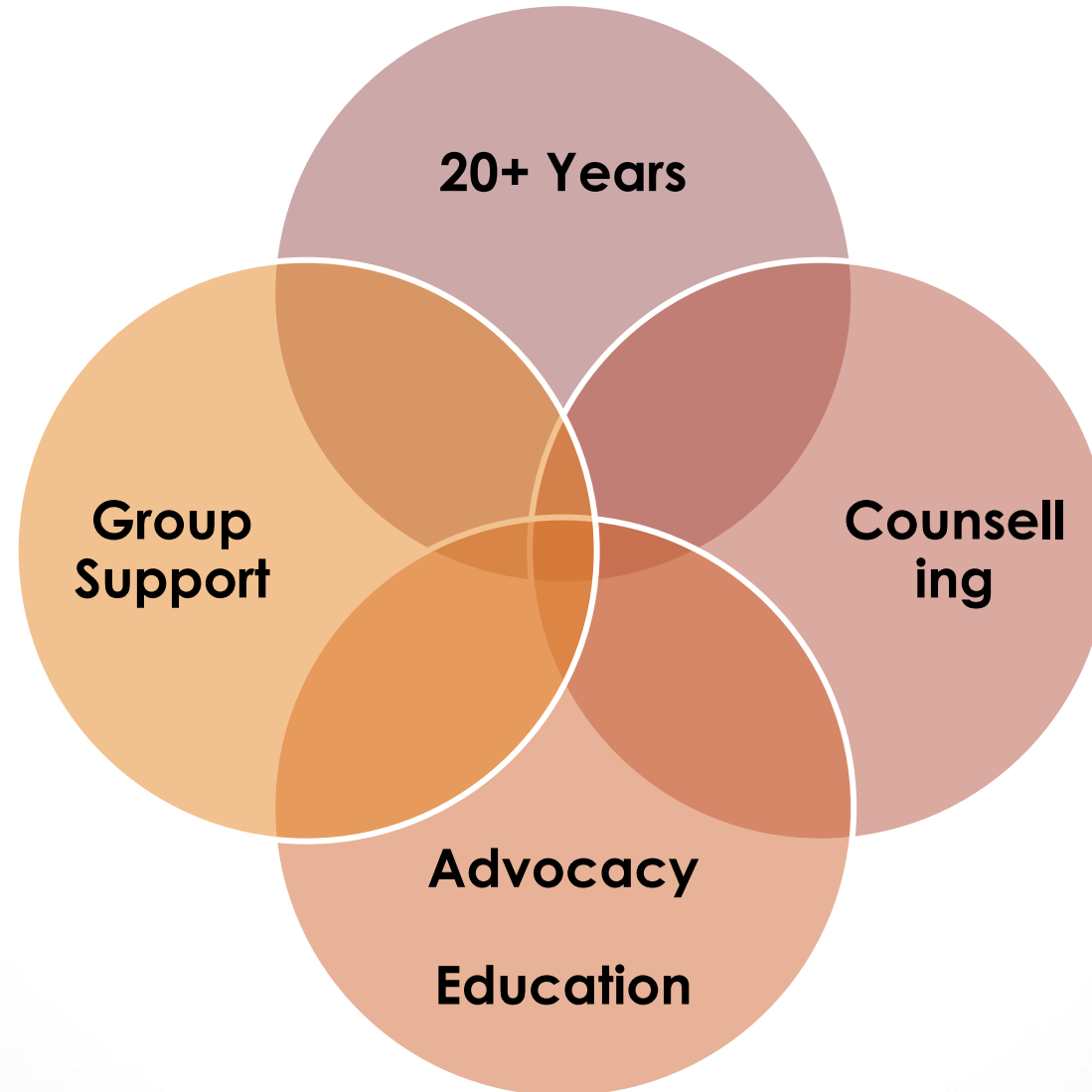
SIX DEGREES  
HEALTH



12-5PM LOCATED AT 17 PHOEBE ST  
EMAIL [GRISSEL@TRCCMWAR.CA](mailto:GRISSEL@TRCCMWAR.CA) TO REGISTER



# LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S PROGRAM





# ACCION EDUCATIVA PARA MUJERES LATINAS

( SUPPORT EDUCATION ACTION LATINA )

Este proyecto honra las experiencias de toda mujer latina sobreviviente de violencia y promueve el intercambio de conocimiento en nuestras comunidades, con la finalidad de inspirar y empoderar a las mujeres de nuestra comunidad a crear sus propios círculos de apoyo.

## ¿CÓMO FORMAR PARTE DEL PROYECTO?

- \* Tu organización puede convertirse en miembro de nuestro comité de consulta comunitaria
- \* Si eres una mujer sobreviviente de violencia puedes participar directamente en nuestro grupo de apoyo y empoderarte a ti misma y a otros de forma colectiva

### PARA MAS INFORMACION CONTACTAR A:

Natacha Salinas  
lawp@trccmwar.ca  
416-597-1171 x 228

# SUPPORT EDUCATION ACTION LATINA

( SEAL )

This is a project created to honour the powerful experiences of Latina survivors and promote knowledge sharing within the community. Our main goal is to inspire and empower women to create their own healing circles.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- \* As an organization, you can become a member of our Community Consultation Committee
- \* As a woman-identified survivor of violence, you can empower yourself and others to practice community healing by becoming a participant

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# MOVING DAY!!



# OUR NEW HOME

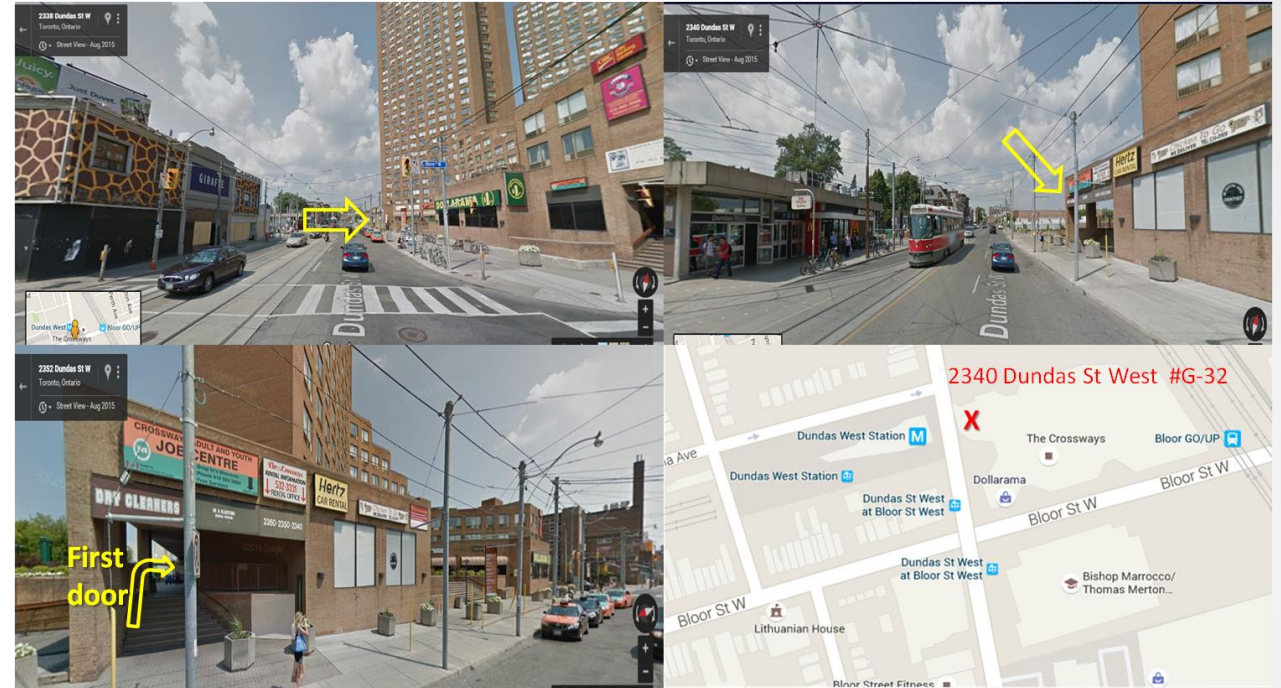
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# END OF THE YEAR PARTY

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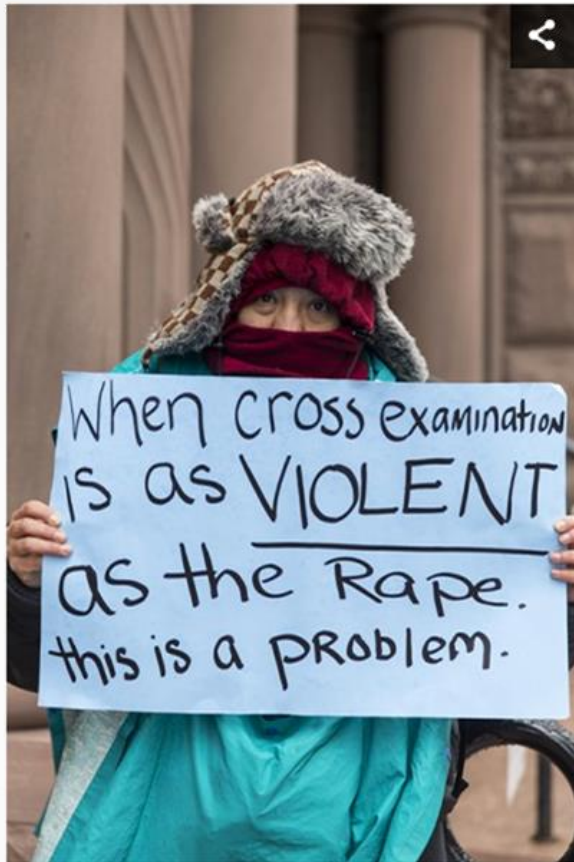
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**MEDIA**



Photo, Jenna Marie Wakani.

Maria O., 42, former journalist

"The media is a very powerful tool, but it can be very polarized and even perpetuates rape myths — the clothes you were wearing, the things you were saying, what *you* did. It can be an avenue for people to get informed, but it's also been an avenue for people to take those stories and re-victimize survivors."



Photo, Jenna Marie Wakani.

Cynamin M., 40, peer counsellor at Toronto Rape Crisis Centre / Multicultural Women Against Rape

"This case is highlighting what we've always known [to be] imperfections of our justice system. It allowed us to keep [sexual assault] in the media, and highlight the flaws all survivors endure on a daily basis. There needs to be a different way to support survivors so people feel safe coming forward. We know it's not easy to break the silence. But we believe you."



# CANADA

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## How sexual assault survivors respond to trauma and why the Ghomeshi evidence isn't surprising



KELLY HOBSON | February 8, 2016 10:31 AM ET  
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In this courtroom sketch, witness Lucy DeCoutere, right, is cross-examined by defence lawyer Marie Henein at the Jian Ghomeshi trial in Toronto on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/Alexandra Newbold

Why hang out with someone who just slapped and choked you?

That's the question Jian Ghomeshi's defense attorney Marie Henein seems to be asking not only complainant Lucy DeCoutere, but everyone watching the high-profile sexual assault trial unfold.

Last week in a Toronto courtroom, Henein picked apart the Trailer Park Boys actor's testimony, as she did with the first complainant (who cannot be named due to a publication ban). Both women faced scrutiny over inconsistencies in their testimony — from what kind of car the disgraced CBC star drove, to whether he paused momentarily between blows when assaulting them.

Beyond inconsistencies, Henein zeroed-in on the conduct of both women. Unearthing e-mails, photos and handwritten letters, Henein put every bit of contact the complainants had with Ghomeshi after the alleged assaults on display.

First it was a bikini photo emailed to Ghomeshi by the first complainant. Then photos of DeCoutere and Ghomeshi cuddling hours after she alleges he slapped and choked her at his Toronto home in 2003. Finally, Henein presented a series of messages DeCoutere sent to Ghomeshi, including an e-mail the day after the alleged assault in which DeCoutere wrote: "You kicked my ass last night and that makes me want to f--k your brains out."

# shameless

IN THE BLOG

## 35TH ANNUAL TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

September 17th, 2015 by [deb.singh](#) 0 Comments



The Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape and Black Lives Matter – Toronto are pleased to announce the 35th annual Take Back the Night happening on Saturday September 26th, 2015 at Scadding Court Community Centre (707 Dundas St. West).

This year's theme is: "All Black Lives Matter: Black Communities Take Back the Night" This year's theme speaks to the anti-Black racism centering the experiences of Black women, Black queer and trans people along the gender spectrum, Black people with disabilities, undocumented Black people, peeps in the criminalization system. It speaks to the experiences of Black women (in particular Black trans women and sex workers) experiencing sexual violence as a tool of police brutality and genocide. Join us as we stand in solidarity against police brutality and violence towards all Black people.





# COLLABORATION WORK





# IT IS NEVER OK: ACTION PLAN TO STOP SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT



# We Believe Survivors

In Collaboration with the office of Sexual Violence support and Education at Ryerson University, we partner to support survivors on the Court cases. Center members gather in many occasions at the Court House to stand in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence.









# Ghomeshi Verdict: #WeBelieveSurvivors Court Action Solidarity

March 24, 2016 8:00-10:00am  
Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West















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MUJER and TRCC at Toronto Dyke March 2015

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Going

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Saturday, June 27 at 1:00pm  
5 days ago

Church St. And Bloor St. West.

MUJER, in partnership with the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre, will be proudly taking part in the Toronto 2015 Dyke March! In the words of the organizers, we are also "here to be out and proud, to take a stand and to celebrate #DYKEVERSITY"

As an organization that supports Latin American / Latinx women and girls, MUJER is committed to amplifying the voices and presence of sexual diversity in our community. We especially welcome all Latinx-identified and other racialized people of the dyke spectrum to march with us!



Deb, Grisel and 16 other friends went

70  
went

6  
maybe

178  
invited





## ¿Decir que sí O decir que no?

Una tarde de conversación para las personas latinoamericanas que se identifican como lesbianas, gays, bisexuales, transexuales, transgéneros, intersexo, queer, y toda otra palabra que define la identidad afuera de la heterosexualidad y las reglas de género.

Esta charla será interactiva y educativa donde trataremos temas como:

- Qué significa consentir
- Qué es el consentimiento entusiástico
- Cuándo estamos en condiciones de consentir o no
- Cómo nos socializan para decir que sí ya sea porque somos mujeres o porque nos erotizan por ser latinxs
- Cómo sentirnos bien cuando queremos decir no

Este taller-conversación es totalmente gratuito pero tienes que anotarte de antemano mandando un email a: [info@laqep.com](mailto:info@laqep.com) ó llamando al 647-973-3614. El espacio es limitado, por favor anotarse cuanto antes.

**LUGAR:** 2340 Dundas St. West (Dundas St. West Station)  
**DÍA:** Sábado, 14 de mayo de 2016  
**HORA:** 12:00 pm (puntual) a 4:00 pm

Habrà refrescos y bocadillos

Este taller está organizado y será facilitado por el Proyecto de Educación Queer Latinoamericano (Latin American Queer Education Project - LAQEP)

Para más información: [info@laqep.com](mailto:info@laqep.com) | 647-973-3614

Proyecto de Educación Queer Latinoamericano

**LAQEP**  
Latin American Queer Education Project

Community Partner:

Toronto Rape  
Battering Violence  
Crisis Centre/  
Building Communities  
Multicultural Women  
Against Rape





#AllBlackLivesMatter

Black Communities  
Take Back the Night

Community Fair  
Healing Rage Space + Make your own shea butter  
Transformative Justice Demonstrations:  
Our Communities Without Police  
Rally and March w/Patrisse Cullors  
All womxn Afropan Steelband

September 26th, 2015 6-10pm  
707 Dundas Str. West

Fully accessible, ASL & Revolutionary Children's Space

